



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Sanitary Condition

OF THE

Crowle Urban District

for the year 1921.

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Eighth Annual Report on the Sanitary Condition of your District for the year 1921.

Population.

For the Birth Rate the population is 3,010. The acreage is 6,224 acres, and there are 755 inhabited houses. There are 748 separate families or occupiers. The rateable value is £8576/10/-, and the land £6651, a sum represented by a penny rate of £49/12/-

Births.

The number of Births is 86, as compared with 94 last year, and of these Births 33 were boys and 53 girls.

Last year the number of Births was 94—58 boys and 36 girls.

This year the number of Births are less than last year by 8.

This year the number of illegitimate was six, compared with four last year.

Deaths.

There have been 44 Deaths during the year, compared with 57 last year, so that the natural increase in the population is 13.

Of these deaths 7 have died under 1 year, and 15 have died over 80.

The chief causes of death have been:—

Pneumonia 2.

Influenza 2.

Phthisis 1.

Other forms of Tuberculosis 3.

Cancer 2.

Heart Disease 2.

Bronchitis 4.

Senility 15.

Zymotic Disease.

During the year, for infectious diseases, there have been

4 cases of Tuberculosis,
2 cases of Pneumonia,
1 case of Scarlet Fever,
and an epidemic of Mumps.

As regards Diphtheria I always give the serum in suspicious cases of sore throat, but there have been 25 cases reported as Diphtheria.

There have been 2 deaths from acute Laryngitis.

The best preventatives for Influenza, as far as I know, are to keep oneself comfortably warm, the feet dry, and bowels open and regular.

Disinfection.

The houses are disinfected with Formalin.

Creche.

The Creche has not been re-opened owing to there being no suitable premises.

Housing Accommodation.

There is a great demand for houses in the District at present.

No new houses have been built, and many of the houses inhabited are damp and in want of repair.

Overcrowding does occur in some instances.

The difficulty at the present time is to get repairs done.

Water Supply.

The houses are supplied by wells and soft water cisterns.

Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk Supply.

There are 22 on the register, and 132 inspections have been made. The inspections are made every two months.

There are 64 cows in the District, and there has been no contravention of regulations.

Slaughter Houses.

There are 8 in the District. Ninety-four inspections were made and no contravention of the regulations made.

Bake Houses.

There are 3 in the District. Thirty-six inspections have been made, and no contravention of the Bye-Laws.

Unsound Food.

None was found.

Pollution of Rivers.

There are no rivers in the District.

Disposal of Refuse and Excrement

The refuse is removed by the public Scavenger, and is removed from each house every 3 months, being finally deposited on the land.

One-hundred-and-thirty-six pails or boxes are emptied weekly.

Common Lodging Houses.

There is only one in the District, and 12 inspections have been made. There has been no contravention of the Bye-Laws.

Offensive Trades.

There are none in the District.

Schools.

There are three, viz:—Council School, National School, and Catholic School.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

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